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SUBJ: VISIT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAQUD
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1. IN MOVE BILLED AS CONSOLIDATION OF BROTHERLY TIES, AFGHAN PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAQUD IS VISITING IRAN APRIL 26-30 AT SHAH'S INVITATION. HE WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY SHAH AND GIVEN USUAL CEREMONIAL WELCOME PROVIDED HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING BANQUET AT NIAYERAN PALACE. IN STATEMENTS FOR PRESS, BOTH SHAH AND DAQUD REVIEWED CLOSE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH BIND THEIR NATIONS. THEY NOTED IMPROVING STATUS OF IRAN/AFGHAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT DID NOT MENTION SPECIFICS. IN NATIONALLY BROADCAST TV INTERVIEW PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, DAQUD EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR EXPANSION OF THESE RELATIONS BUT PRESS SPECULATION HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO REHASH OF OFT MENTIONED MUTUAL COOPERATION PROJECTS SUCH AS KABUL/A BANDAR ABBAS RAILROAD AND OF IRANIAN-OFFERED AID WHICH HAS YET TO BE UTILIZED.

2. EDITORIALS HAVE COMMENTED IN SIMILAR VEIN. ONE EDITORIAL LAUDED DAQUD'S ROLE AS STRONG MAN, MODERNIZER AND COUP MAKER BUT CAREFULLY OMITTED ANY MENTION OF DAQUD'S OVERTHROW OF A
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CROWNED HEAD. A FEATURE ARTICLE ABOUT DAOUD REFERRED TO QTE STURDY PATHANS UNQTE BUT DID NOT MENTION EITHER PAST OR PRESENT INVOLVEMENT IN TRIBAL ISSUES BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN.

3. ON RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, DAOUD PLEDGED QTE PEACEFUL AND HONORABLE APPROACH UNQTE IN SETTLEMENT OF AFGHAN/PAKISTAN DIFFERENCES. BUT, HE ALSO DESCRIBED THESE DIFFERENCES AS CENTERED ON QTE TWO LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR BROTHERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE UNBREAKABLE, SPIRITUAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TIES. WE HOLD CONVICTION THAT USE OF FORCE CAN IN NO WAY ELIMINATE NATIONALIST TENDENCIES OR COVER UP REALITIES. UNQTE
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